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For: A Method and System : Res. Tri. Park, NC 27709  
for Broadcasting Alarm Messages:  
to Selected Users of An IP :  
Network :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Page 2, after line 17, insert - **Brief Description of the Drawing**

For a more complete understanding of the present invention and for further advantages thereof, reference is now made to the following Detailed Description taken in conjunction with the accompanying Drawing, in which:

The figure is a schematic block-diagram illustrating the present invention. - - .